

## IN EVERY KIND OF WEATHER.

Search not the gem-haunted caves  
For gems of priceless splendor;  
Care not to win from ocean's waves  
The rarest pearls they render;  
There is a jewel shining all  
Earth's brilliants set together;  
A friend heart-trust to love and you  
In every kind of weather.

Some men will face the battle's roar  
To gather of the plunder;  
While some care not for added store,  
For crowns, or what lies under;  
While never yet there beat a heart  
But owned the gentle tether  
That bound it to a spirit true  
In every kind of weather.

Some find their joy in courtiers' arts,  
Parading titles musty;  
Give me the kob-i-noor of hearts,  
A friend still firm and trusty.  
I can be rich without a crown,  
A coronet or feather,  
Just let me own a friend that's known  
In every kind of weather.

## Jay Gould's Reserve Fund.

[New York Letter.]

It was thought by many in the midst of the Wall street excitement that Jay Gould was on the point of bankruptcy. On the other hand, it is argued that a mere marking down of prices does not affect him in the least, because he is the outright owner of the securities in his possession. Believers in this theory look upon the great gambler's calmness as real. I have happened to get, at trustworthy second hands, just what he said about it. Ex-Mayor Wickham said: "Mr. Gould told me to-day that in his candid opinion the bottom had been reached; but that it made no difference to him whether it had or not. He declared that he had no need or desire to sell Western Union at a low price, and that he had no intention of unloading any of his stocks. His wealth is in his strong box, safe out of the reach of panics." Washington Corner, a partner of Gould, or, literally, of his son George, laughed with exceeding scorn when I spoke of Gould as a bankrupt.

"I'll tell you one thing about Mr. Gould that I've never seen published," Connor said. "He divides his securities in two parts. The proportion differs, according to circumstances. One part he keeps in his vault as a permanent investment. That is his rock of Gibraltar. The other part he uses for speculative purposes. Of course, an emergency might arise which would call out the reserves, but that is remote and improbable. I assure you that, with the worst that ever can come, Mr. Gould will never lose more than half his fortune. Write that out in any way you please. Say something about his not trusting all his eggs in one basket. Liken his method to that of self-insurance. Put the fact in any form you choose—only make it plain that Jay Gould can't possibly be wrecked."

## A Medical Expert's Queer Idea.

[New York Mail and Express.]

Speaking on the subject of tobacco generally, and cigarette-smoking especially, the other day, a well-known medical expert said to a reporter: "If all the cigarettes that are smoked were made of second-hand tobacco, I believe it would be a good thing for the youth of the country. By second-hand tobacco I mean the old stumps which are gathered by the ton about the city, from hotel cuspidors, saloon ash-boxes, railway waiting-rooms, and public places generally."

"What! Do you mean to say that cigarettes made from such stock are less harmful than if made from fresh, pure leaf?"

"I do. In the process of transforming filthy accumulations of gutter and cuspidors into bright, finely-flavored smoking tobacco, most of the deleterious substances of the tobacco are extracted. The old cigar stumps, after the charred ends are cut off, are soaked in a solution of ammonia and some other chemical which takes away nearly all the nicotine from the tobacco and removes all traces of smoke and creosote. This mass of pulpy tobacco is then pressed in cakes and shaved into fine shreds by a cutting machine. Then it is given a bath in some bleaching solution which removes nearly all the properties of which the weed is possessed when it comes from the plantation. Then it is dried, after which it is passed under an atomizer and dampened by means of a preparation of glycerine and some flavoring extract. Then it is ready for the cigarette. So before it reaches the consumer you see there is little, if any, of the original tobacco left."

## The Bravest Russian.

[London World.]

Here is an incident from the thrillingly described third battle of Plevna, which gives you an idea of the magnetic influence of Skobeloff. He came upon an officer who had lagged behind his men and lain down in a ditch through sheer cowardice.

"What, lieutenant, had you lain down to rest?"

"My boots—my feet," stuttered the lieutenant.

"Do you belong to that company?"

"Yes."

"Overtake them and tell your commanding officer that I order him to send you first with the volunteers, you hear? I wish to hear that you were the first to enter the redoubt. Do you hear?—the first."

The lieutenant overtook his men, and so led them that they were the first of the volunteers, and he was the first of them, to enter the redoubt.

## The Sea's Pure Air.

[Exchange.]

The observations of two French scientists, made during a passage from Rio Janeiro to Bordeaux, have done much to confirm the notion that the air above the sea is singularly free from low forms of animal life. The atmosphere immediately above the vessel practically swarmed with micro-organisms; the vessel seemed to be surrounded by an "atmosphere" of microbes.

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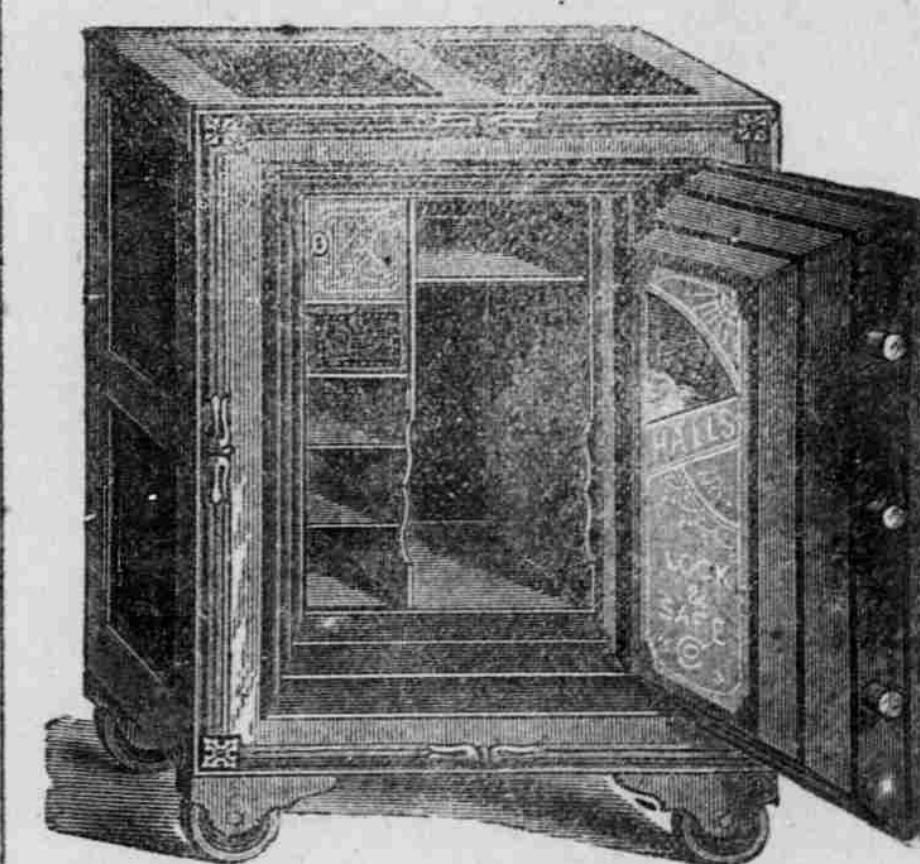
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